

Travel Secrets of Visiting 44 Countries in 3 Years

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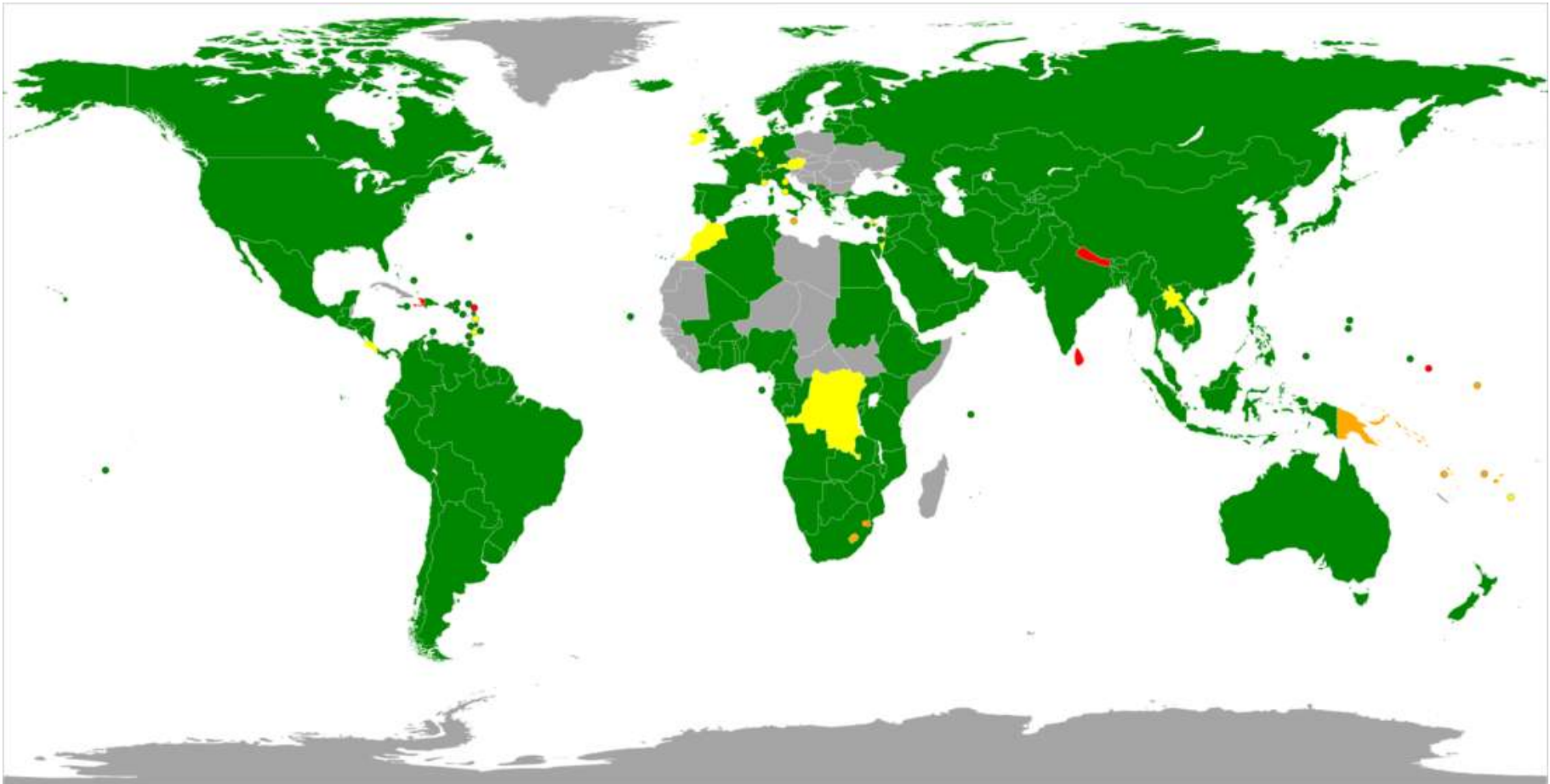
Planning stages

- Use Frequent Flyer miles, open-jaw tickets
 - <http://www.kayak.com/explore> - search for flight deals
- Use Hotel points (Sheraton, Hilton, Priority Club)
- Currency
 - ATM
 - Black/Gray market
- Visa resources
 - Embassy website
 - <http://www.visahq.com>
- Online Travel Forums
 - Lonely Planet (<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/thorntree/index.jspa>)
 - Tripadvisor (<http://www.tripadvisor.com/ForumHome>)
 - Fodor's (<http://www.fodors.com/community/>)

Planning stages

- Guidebooks
 - Lonely Planet
 - Bradt Guides
 - Rough Guides
 - Other Places Publishing
 - Inyourpocket (mostly Eastern Europe)
 - <http://www.inyourpocket.com/static/downloads.html>
 - Petit Futé (French)
 - Wikivoyage/Wikitavel

Visited Countries



Currencies



Uganda



Djibouti



Somaliland



Ethiopia



Yemen



Cape Verde

January 2011

Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Kuwait, Bangladesh

- **Visas required:** Lebanon*, Syria[\$80], Jordan*[\$30], Kuwait*, Bangladesh*[\$51]
- **Flight routing:**
AUS-DFW-YYZ-AMM-BEY/AMM-KWI-DOH-DAC-HKG-JFK-AUS
- **Currencies:** LBP[atm], SYP[atm], JOD[atm], KWD[atm], BDT[atm]

January 2011



Baalbek, Lebanon



Palmyra, Syria



Petra at night



Kuwait towers



Aleppo Souq, Syria



Dhaka, Bangladesh

August 2011

Afghanistan, Pakistan, *Bahrain

- **Visas required:** Afghanistan[\$70], Pakistan[\$120], Bahrain
- **Flight routing:** IAH-DFW-LHR-BAH-LHE/ISB-KBL-BAH-LHR-IAH
- **Currencies:** PKR[atm], AFN, BHD[atm]
- Resources:
 - <http://www.afghanlogistics.com> - tour company

August 2011



Afghanistan



Darulaman Palace Kabul



Afghanistan



Lahore Fort



Pakistan



Pakistan-India
Border Closing ceremony

October 2011

Vietnam, *Thailand, Laos

- **Visas required:** Vietnam**[\$20+\$25], Laos*[\$35]
- **Flight routing:**
AUS-IAH-NRT-SGN-BKK/VTE-BKK-NRT-LAX-IAH-AUS
- **Overland:** Bangkok-Vientiane (train)
- **Currencies:** VND, LAK
- Resources
 - <http://www.visa4vietnam.com/default.html> - arrange visa on arrival

October 2011



Saigon, Vietnam



Bangkok Floods



Vientiane, Laos



Vientiane, Laos

November 2011

*Turkey

- **Visas required:** Turkey
- **Flight routing:** AUS-LAX-IST-NEV/ASR-IZM-IST-ORD-LAX-AUS
- **Currencies:** TRY

November 2011



Annie swarmed by local girls



Hagia Sophia



Cappadocia



Pergamom

February 2012

Nigeria, Gabon, São Tomé, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea (Bioko)

- **Visas required:** Nigeria, Gabon[\$100], Cameroon[\$100]
- **Flight routing:** SAT-IAH-LOS-LBV-DLA-SSG-FRA-IAH-SAT
- **Currencies:** NGN, XAF[atm]
- Resources
 - <http://portal.immigration.gov.ng/> - online visa application

February 2012



Osogbo, Nigeria



Libreville, Gabon



Africa's Cup, Gabon



Limbe, Cameroon



Plaza de Espana
Malabo



Africa's Cup, Malabo

May 2012

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iraq, Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia, *Greece

- **Visas required:** Kazakhstan[\$40], Kyrgyzstan[\$100], Tajikistan[\$25], Uzbekistan[\$140], Turkmenistan**
- **Flight routing:**
AUS-IAH-LHR-ALA/ASB-IST-EBL-IST-TIA/SKG-ATH-LHR-IAH-AUS
- **Overland:** Almaty to Ashgabat, Tirana to Thessaloniki
- **Currencies:** KZT[atm], KGS[atm], TJS[atm], UZS, TMT, ALL, EUR[atm], MKD
- Resources:
 - <http://www.stantours.com> - Letters of Invitation and Turkmenistan tours

May 2012



Registan, Samarkand



Steppe, Kazakhstan



Cathedral, Kazakhstan



Kyrgyzstan scenery



Osh, Kyrgyzstan



Tajik Som

August 2012

*Argentina, *Uruguay

- **Visas required:** Argentina[reciprocity]
- **Flight routing:** AUS-DFW-EZE/MVD-MIA-IAH-AUS
- **Overland:** BsAs to Colonia del Sacramento (ferry), Colonia to Punta del Este to Montevideo (bus)
- **Currencies:** ARS, UYP[atm]

August 2012



Hand in the Sand, Punta del Este



Colonia del Sacramento
Uruguay



Recoleta Cemetery, BsAs



Wine tasting, BsAs

September 2012

*Turkey, Iran

- **Visas required:** Turkey*, Iran[\$195]
- **Flight routing:**
AUS-DFW-LGA/JFK-LHR-IST-IKA/SYZ-DOH-IAD-DFW-AUS
- **Overland:** Istanbul to Troy to Istanbul, Tehran to Isfahan
- **Currencies:** TRY[atm], IRR
- Resources:
 - <http://www.key2persia.com> - tours and visa application
 - <http://www.uppersia.com> - tours and visa application

September 2012



Imam Square, Isfahan



Si-o-Seh Bridge, Isfahan



Persepolis



Lone Pine Cemetery,
Gallipoli



Iran Scenery



Isfahan

November 2012

*South Korea, Jeju, *Myanmar

- **Visas required:** Myanmar[\$20]
- **Flight routing:**
AUS-SFO-ICN/GMP-CJU-GMP/ICN-BKK-RGN-NYU-RGN-BKK-NRT-J
FK-AUS
- **Currencies:** KRW[atm], MMK

November 2012



Bagan



Bagan



Stone Grandfather, Jeju

February 2013

*Japan

- **Visas required:** none
- **Flight routing:** AUS-LAX-NRT/HND-CTS-HNL-DFW-AUS
- **Currencies:** JPY[atm]

February 2013



Sapporo Snow festival



Sapporo Ramen



Tokyo Disney

March 2013

Yemen, *Ethiopia, Somaliland, Djibouti, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi

- **Visas required:** Yemen**[\$50], Ethiopia*[\$20], Djibouti[\$60], Somaliland[\$80], Uganda*[\$50], Burundi*[\$40]
- **Flight routing:**
AUS-IAH-LHR-IST-SAH-SCT-SAH-ADD-JIJ/BBO-JIB-ADD-EBB/BJM-BRU-IAD-AUS
- **Overland:** Jijiga to Berbera, Entebbe to Bujumbura
- **Currencies:** YER[atm], ETB[atm], SLS, DJF[atm], UGX[atm], RWF[atm], BIF
- **Resources:**
 - <http://www.socotra-ecotours.com> - tours and visa on arrival

March 2013



Las Geel, Somaliland



Yemen



Socotra



Socotra



Whitewater Rafting
Jinja, Uganda



Rwanda scenery

May 2013

Saudi Arabia, Eritrea

- **Visas required:** Saudi Arabia[\$16.50], Eritrea[\$50]
- **Flight routing:** IAH-FRA-JED-ASM-JED-FRA-ORD-IAH
- **Overland:** Asmara to Massawa to Asmara
- **Currencies:** SAR[atm], ERN
- **Resources:**
 - <http://www.enjazit.com.sa> - Online visa application

May 2013



Fiat Tagliero, Asmara



Eritrean Wedding



Bank of Italy, Massawa



Saudi visa



Floating Mosque
Jeddah



Al-Balad (Old Jeddah)

August 2013

*Bolivia, *Chile

- **Visas required:** Bolivia*
- **Flight routing:** AUS-IAH-BOG-LPB/CJC-SCL-DFW-AUS
- **Overland:** La Paz to Tiwanaku to La Paz to San Pedro de Atacama to Calama
- **Currencies:** BOB[atm], CLP[atm]

August 2013



Salar de Uyuni



Tiwanaku



Salt Hotel



Soda Lake, Bolivia



Laguna Colorada



Valle de Muerte
San Pedro de Atacama

December 2013

Sudan, Rep Congo, Dem Congo, Cabinda, Angola,
*São Tomé, Cape Verde

- **Visas required:** Sudan**[\$180+\$100], Rep Congo[\$200], Dem Congo[\$115], Angola[\$50], São Tomé**, Cape Verde*
- **Flight routing:**
AUS-IAH-ORD-FRA-KRT-CAI-ADD-BZV/CAB-LAD-TMS-RAI-LIS-EWR-CLT-AUS
- **Overland:** Brazzaville to Pointe Noire to Cabinda
- **Currencies:** SDG, XAF[atm], AOA[atm], STD, CVE[atm]
- Resources
 - <http://www.gocongo.com> - Letter of Invitation for Dem Congo
 - <http://www.smf.st/virtualvisa> - Visa on Arrival for Sao Tome
 - <http://www.mamatembotours.com/destinations.html> - booked train tickets for Brazzaville-Pointe Noire

December 2013



Meroe, Sudan



Brazzaville, Congo



Bonobos, Dem Congo



Cabinda cathedral



Luanda skyline
Angola



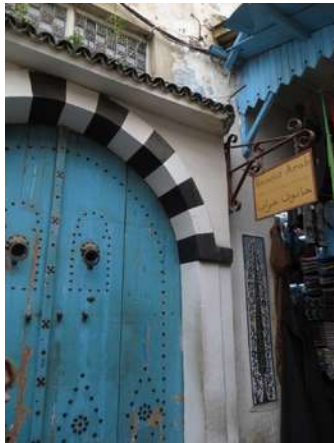
Tarrafal prison
Cape Verde

January 2014

Tunisia, Algeria

- **Visas required:** Algeria[\$130]
- **Flight routing:** SAT-MEX-CDG-TUN-ALG-CDG-MEX-SAT
- **Currencies:** TND[atm], DZD
- Resources:
 - <http://www.touringvoyagesalgerie.com> - Algeria tour+visa invitation

January 2014



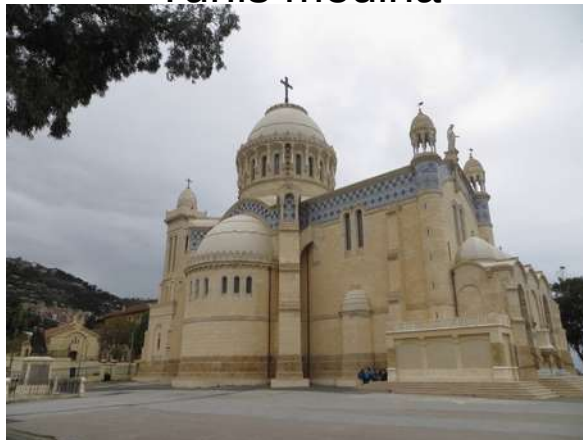
Tunis medina



Tunis medina



Bardo museum, Tunis



Notre Dame d'Afrique
Algiers



Tipasa Roman Ruins

Upcoming trips

- **June 2014:** Fiji, Line Islands (Christmas), Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Bismark Archipelago (Bougainville), Papua New Guinea
- **July 2014:** Malta
- **August 2014:** Swaziland, Lesotho
- **December 2014:** Madagascar, Comoros, Mayotte, Reunion, Mauritius, Rodrigues